



THE RICOCHET

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Range News

The last three months has passed quickly here at the range. The snow and cold days in January and February kept many of the shooters away. However, the staff kept quite busy working on the development of new programs to better serve our customers. Here are just a few highlights of the programs offered.

In February, we started off with a Wood Carving class. This was a beginner class in which the students learned basic carving tools, use of those tools and carving techniques. The class was well attended and well received. It is a class that we will repeat in the future.

The Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association assisted us in putting on a Fly Tying class. The class was a hands-on class in which the students made several different flies. Originally the class was a three day class; however the weather did not cooperate. The students did not get to fish with their creation due to frozen ponds.

One of the largest requested classes we had was the Hide Tanning class. Unfortunately, this was one of those classes we could only have twelve people, due to the number of deer hides on-hand. John Brosam, of Whispering Winds Trading Post, was the instructor. John is an avid buck Skinner with a great deal of knowledge in tanning animal hides of all kinds. This being another hands-on class the students all had a sections of deer hide in which several methods were used to tan the hides.

As you can see the staff here at the range has diversified in providing additional services to the community. All of these classes I have talked about were free to the students, as are all of our classes. To see what we are offering in the coming months you can refer to our internet site at: www.conservation.state.mo.us/area/ranges/lakecity or call us at 816-229-4448. Good Shooting.

TURKEY HUNTING IS SAFE

How safe do you think turkey hunting is? Whether or not you hunt for turkeys, your answers are probably varied. Believe it or not, turkey hunting is one of the safest sports out there! You are four times more likely to get injured playing ping-pong and 50 times more likely to get injured playing golf! How is turkey hunting this safe? One of the reasons turkey hunting is safe is the NWTF's (National Wild Turkey Foundation) commitment to making hunter safety a top priority. Hunters are more educated about the possible dangers before they ever enter the woods. Turkey hunting accidents continue to go down as turkey hunting grows in popularity. In 1991, for every 100,000 hunters there were 8.1 accidents. Compare that number to 2001 where the number of accidents dropped to 2.95 per 100,000 participants. Next time you think about going turkey hunting, remember how safe and rewarding it can be!

Safety Corner

Shooters, recently an article in the NRA Shooting Education discussed a new way to carry your shotgun on the trap/skeet range. This new technique calls for the shooter to carry their gun, "action open or broken open at the hinge in the case of a double-barrel or over-under on a shoulder with muzzles held to the front so that the shot gunner can insure that the gun is always pointed in a safe direction."

Although this carry is approved at other ranges for trap it is not approved for use at the Lake City Range and Training Center. We still require the muzzle be pointed up in the air while being transported to and from the range. Keep in mind it is the shooters responsibility to check the rules posted at each individual range.

You Knew it Would Happen Eventually

Cows, pigs, sheep, and people have been cloned. So what is next?

Texas A&M University, a leading school in Veterinary Science, has stated they have cloned a Whitetail Deer. The deer was the result of cells from the skin of a road killed buck, which were frozen in liquid nitrogen then joined with deer eggs taken from a doe. The fertilization took place in a controlled environment as is common for this process.

In theory this could be a way to ensure that "monster bucks" will always be around or that certain species do not become endangered.

But, if things go wrong we possibly really could have "monster bucks" lurking in the woods. I see a science fiction movie in the making.

Range Hours

Starting May 5, 2004
Range hours will be Noon-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday – Sunday

Monday-Tuesday we are still available for group use by prior arrangements on a first come first serve basis. There is currently about a two week advance notice needed to get on the schedule. Shooting opportunities are limited in this area and we fill up quickly. Call the Range at (816)229-4448 to arrange for your group times.

Range Staff

Supervisor	David Wyatt
Range Officer	Steven Elliott
Range Assistant	Chantz Brown
Weekend Hourly	

Calendar of Events

April 8	Youth Turkey Season Shot Gun Patterning
April 10	Hunter Education Class Lake City Range
April 14	Turkey Hunting Seminar Lake City Range
April 17	Ladies Firearm Safety Lake City Range
April 24	Family Trap Class Lake City Range
April 28	Mushroom Hunting Basics
May 4	GPS Class Lake City Range

May 8	Hunter Education Class Lake City Range	April 10	Ladies Firearm Safety Parma Woods
May 9	Mom's Shoot Free Lake City Range	April 14	Shotgun Patterning Parma Woods
May 12	Teen's & .22's Lake City Range	April 17	.22 cal Pistol Plunking Parma Woods
May 15	Ladies Firearm Safety Lake City Range	April 18	Parma Kids .22 cal. Parma Woods
May 21	Camping for City Folks	April 23	Beginning Rifle Parma Woods
June 8	Youth Air Rifle Class Lake City Range	April 24	Beginning Rifle Parma Woods
June 12	Hunter Education Class Lake City Range	April 28	Youth Archery Parma Woods
June 12	Bring a New Shooter Day Lake City Range	April 30	Beginning Handgun (Part 1) Parma Woods
June 17	Archery Basics Lake City Range	May 1	Beginning Handgun (Part 2) Parma Woods
June 19	Ladies Firearm Safety Lake City Range	May 5	Wildflower Identification Parma Woods
June 20	Dad's Shoot Free Lake City Range	May 8	Ladies Firearm Safety Parma Woods
June 22	Pistol Reloading Class Lake City Range	May 10	Reloading Phase I Parma Woods
July	Ladies Shoot Free Every Thursday Sessions	May 12	Slime Time (Reptiles) Parma Woods

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April 3	Hunter Education Class Parma Woods	May 14	Pellet Gun Interactive Parma Woods
April 3	Shotgun Patterning Parma Woods	May 17	Pistol Reloading II Parma Woods
April 7	Turkey Seminar Parma Woods	May 19	.22 Rifle Marksmanship Parma Woods
		May 22	Pan fishing Basics (Pt. II) Parma Woods

May 26 Camping For Beginners
 Parma Woods

May 29 Pellet Gun Inactive
 Parma Woods